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1. PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING TALK TO THE NATION MORNING APR 8 FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF INDEPENDENCE PALACE.

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WM BEGIN TEXT: DEAR COMPATRIOTS AND BROTHER AND SISTER

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COMBATANTS AND CADRES NATIONWIDE:

THIS MORNING, 8 APR, AT 0830, AN F-5 JET OF THE VIETNAM AIR FORCE BOMBED ANDDIRECTEDROCKETSON INDEPENDENCE PALACE, BUT ONLY CAUSED INSIGNIFICANT MATERIAL DAMAGE.

THANKS TO THE SUPREME BEING'S BLESSING, I, MY FAMILY AND ALL PERSONNEL ARE SAFE. I AM NOW CONTINUING TO WORK AS USUAL, DIRECTING NATIONAL AFFAIRS ALONG WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER, THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND BRANCHES AS WELL AS WITH THE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMY CORPS AND THE MILITARY REGIONS.

I AFFIRM TO ALL OF THE COMPATRIOTS AND BROTHER AND SISTER SOLDIERS AND CADRE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT THE BOMBING OF AND THE FIRING ON INDEPENDENCE PALACE THIS MORNING WAS NOT A COUP D'ETAT BY A PART OR ALL OF ARVN BUT WAS AN ACT OF A GROUP OR A FACTION.

I AM SURE THAT OUR COMPATRIOTS, COMBATANTS AND CADRES NATIONWIDE HAVE LEARNED THAT FOR SEVERAL DAYS NOW A GROUP OF PEOPLE HAS PUBLICLY DEMANDED THE OVERTHROW OF THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REGIME THROUGH A COUP D'ETAT SO AS TO REALIZE THEIR POLITICAL SOLUTION. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT GAIN THE RESPONSE OF ALL OF OUR PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THAT THIS MORNING'S INCIDENT CAME FROM THIS FACTION AND WAS AIMED AT KILLING ME SO AS TO CHANGE THIS CONSTITUIONAL AND LEGAL REGIME.

I CALL ON OUR COMPATRIOTS TO REMAIN CALM AND TO CONTINUE THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES. I APPEAL TO ALL COMBATANTS, CADRES, AND POLICE AT ALL LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OF CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS AND TO INSURE MAXIMUM SECURITY AND ORDER FOR OUR COMPATRIOTS.

I AM RESOLVED TO CONTINUE MY ROLE AS THE LEADER OF THE COUNTRY.

CORDIALLY OURS. END TEXT

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